Shon-ap-Lewis. 1648.

The Welch-mans New ALMANACKE

And Prognostication, and Presages and Predictions for this present Year, 1648.

Likewise giving notice to all good peoples to beware of the danger that will befall them, if they take not heed in good time: Wherein if there be found any one lye, her will be content to lose her credit for ever.

Wilball, Her do forbod to have any Red Letters to be printed in her Almanack, because her doe not love the Red Colour never since her lost so much of her Red Bloud at severall fights in England.

Let Booker, Lilly, Wharton, and the rest,
Contend who writes the truest, and the best,
Reader when this Welsh-Almanack thou view'st,
Thou'lt finde it full as true as he that's truest.

♈ Aries, Head and face.

♉ Taurus, Necke and throat.

♋ Cancer, Breast, stomack, and ribs.

♍ Virgo, Bowels and Belly.

♏ Scorpio, Secret members.

♑ Capricorn, The knees,

♊ Gemini, Armes and shoulders.

♌ Leo, Heart and back.

♎ Libra, Reines and Loynes.

♐ Sagitarius, The Thighes

♒ Aquarius, The Legges

♓ Pisces, The feet. 13

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A Chronologie of Yeares, and divers remarkable matter in her principality of *Wales*, and alſo in the Country of *England*, &c.

Since *her Country was firſt created before any other Country, as ancient Britiſh Authors doe ſuppoſe.* 6644

Since *Noahs flood made her Mountaines riſe above her Valleyes.* 20006

Since *King* Arthur *inſtituted his round Table, and kept good cheare for a great a meale for many Brittiſh Knights.* 2000

Since *St.* David *lived in her Country, and played on her Welch Harpe.* 150

Since *her got a great victory, and knew her Countrymen by wearing Leeks in their hats; in remembrance whereof her kept St.* Taffi's *day.* 8000

Since *Hoſe and Shooes were worne in every pariſh on Sundayes, though her goe on her bare feet all the week long.* 300

Since *the inventers of Butter, and toſting of Sheeſes.* 2000

Since *all her Caſtles and pig houſes were builded.* 1000

Since *Schooles were erected for educating her children, and fiue Goats firſt fed on the mountaines.* 300

Since *her had five Theeves beſides her ſelfe in her houſe; that is to ſay in plaine Engliſh, her wife and fiue Children.*

Since *her bought 2 yards of Pudding for a penny.* 160

Since the name of Corporall hath beene used in and round about London. 1640

Since this holy war begun 1641

Since Powder Guns and Bullet hath been in force; the Tevill take those pellets. 1642

Since owle her little Cozens, her Kings Shildren, were kept from her Gracious Dad and Mammy. 1642

Since her lost so much bloud at the first Newberry Battaile. 1643

Since her Good godly Booke of Common-Prayer was voted downe 26 Novemb. 1644

Since her being foot-man, scorned to flye at Naisby, and was taken prisoner. 1645

Since her was taken on horsebacke, and was dismounted in Cornwall 1646

Since the Greate Armado of two hundred thousand English past over the river Tweed. 1646

Ssnce her good Cozen King Charles was telivered to the Parliaments Commissioners, and by them carryed to Holdenby. 1646

Since her was retelivered by her Cozen Cornet Joyce. 1647

Since her great Cozin Thomas the Conquerour with his Army marched through London, and took possession of her Tower, the seventh of August. 1647

Since all her Forts round about London was commanded to be pulled downe. 20 Septemb. 1647

Since her honest Cozen the great Lord Maior of London, and foure of her Cozens the Aldermen were committed to her Tower of Lond. the 25 Septemb. 1647

Since her returned to Wales, and hath sworne never more to bring Bilbow into England. 1648

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Shon ap Lewis. 1648.

THE VVELCH-MANS NEW ALMANACK for this preſent Yeare 1648.

WHen her call to remembrances the many great Battailes at Kinton, Newbery, and Newbery againe, and at Marſton-moore, Naisby, Torrington; and many other places, where her was like to have loſt her Britiſh bloud. Some will aske her who in the Tivels name made her goe out of her owne Countrey to thoſe Battells, to get broken pates, and loſe one arme, and almoſt one of her legges, nay almoſt her lives upon ſtrange

ſtrange appellations and words: Her will tell it was *Belzefon*, one of the chiefe Tevills in Hell, who owed her a ſpight, and now hath paid her to the purpoſe. But by good fortunes returned home again to her Countrey, her being returned fell into deep conſiderations how her ſhould maintaine her ſelfe in a good faſhion as her had alwayes done both for moneyes and apparells; at laſt, ſcratching her head, her was reſolved to make predictions and Prognoſtications in wayes of an Almanack, to pleaſe all her Countrey-men with ſhewing many great and ſtrange accidents happning this yeare, according as the Stars, Sun, and Moon, and her ſelfe do pleaſe, and in a word, her will call it her Welſh Almanack.

Winter-Quarter.

ACcording to her true knowledge in Aſtronomy, whatſoever *Ptolomy* ſaith, Winter beginneth ſooner with poore men then with the rich by the malignant influences of *Saturne*, whoſe conſtellations is ſuch, that if her have no money, nor credit, her ſhall ſtill want Coales and Wood, and be faine to ſtarve for cold, while old peny-fathers roaſt themſelves by the fire like toſted cheeſe: for if her doe not finde ſome *Argent*, to buy fuell and other good firing, her muſt burne nothing but turf and her cow-dung; and then her conſumes all her Sope, that her cannot have a cleane ſhirt to put on. Now *Grandſieur Gray-beard* playes his part, and all good Chriſtian people caknowes this Quarter well enough, for her need not demonſtrate it, you may caknow eſpecially by her Countrey-men; for about the middle of it, all her Countrey-men doe begin to pluck and pull her Geeſe, and fling the feathers in the aire, and

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ſo they flye into London to ſtuffe Feather-beds.

Ale and Matheglin ſhall be now of ſo great authority, that the Bakers Basket ſhall give wall unto the Brewers Barrell, and her halfe-penny dry ſhall doe homage to a halfe-penny wet. The weather and ſeaſon will bee ſo cold, that divers in her Countrey and alſo in England ſhall ſit all day at Tables and Cards, while their poore Wives and Families faſt all day for their follies, and there ſhall bee ſuch ſtore of Geeſe pluckt in Wales, that thoſe that lye on Flock-beds may feather their neſts, and lye never the warmer: *Iupiter*, *Mars*, and the Moone, being in watry Signes, doth ſignifie that men and women for want of wine or ſtrong drinke, ſhall goe to bed ſober againſt their wills, and there ſhall bee yet (as her knowes) ſuch hoary froſts, that men and women ſhall creep to bed together for want of other warming-pans. And *Mars* being a malignant Planet doth ſhew that ſouldiers this winter ſhall lye in Garriſons, and ſhall not be troubled with more money then is neceſſary: cold vapours ſhall ariſe in great houſes from the empty Celler, Buttery and Kitchin, and ſmall Beere ſhall bee accounted the poiſon of hoſpitality and good Houſe-keeping. Old men this winter ſhall be very cunning in building the fabrick of a Sea-coale fire, and keeping the Cat out of the cup-board; but when they fall aſleep, the Cat ſhal get in and gnaw the bread & cheeſe before their faces. Laſtly, it is to be feared, through extreame cold poore men ſhall dye at rich mens doores. and rich men bee ſo hard and dry like the Weather, ſo that the hand of charity ſhall be frozen, and not able to ſtirre a finger to doe any good: for piety ſhall be exiled, and good workes thruſt over ſea with gripings of chollicke, which diſeaſes doe verily proceed from lying upright: other ſickneſſes incident to this quarter are theſe, men ſhall have a paine in the eyes, that they ſhall not

know their wives from other women, the hot feaver of the tongue ſhall trouble women, and maids ſhall deſire a thing and yet goe without it, and ſome ſhall bee troubled with the rheumes and other private things, which I omit.

Of the Spring Time.

AT the Sunnes joyfull entrance into *Aries* the Sun begins, and by reaſon the Planets bee diſpoſed in ſignes of divers contrary qualities, therefore her do conjecture that this Spring will bee very ill for Poets, Players and Fidlers, for they ſtill ſtudy much and gaine little, and have more wit in their heads, then money in their purſes.

Alſo this Quarter doth ſend her Ambaſſador into London to bid good-morrow to many of her Countreymen that hath fine wives, and handſome faces.

In this Quarter was her Cozen *Charles* Prince of Wales borne; and all her labours for, is, that *Taffies* day might bee changed from the firſt of March to the nine and twentieth of May; when it is warme weather, and about that ſeaſon, can march with her Bum ſword and tagger, and teach her enemies as many Languages as there bee inches in her long welſh Bill; and if her then ſhould meet the great Tevill *Belzebub* in her way, her would tell her hee lyed; if her doe but ſay that her is not a true Brittaine; *Mars* and *Iupiter* meets, and there is like to bee a great battaile fought betweene ſome and ſome, inſomuch that a great deale of bloud ſhall be ſpilt, and then after that a happy peace be concluded.

Women

Women this Spring are like to grow wilfull, and ſo variable, that they ſhall laugh and weep together; and becauſe *Saturn* is in his proper manſion, old men are like to be froward, and crafty knaves need no Brokers; knavery ſhall bee counted good husbandry; and men ſhall bee counted honeſt by their wealth, not by their vertues: March Beere ſhall not bee ſo much eſteemed as her ancient Ale, and the bloud growing now warme, a red Noſe ſhall very well become a Country Juſtice; new Schiſmaticall Opinions ſhall grow out of the old ſtocke of Hereſie, and all empty Beere-barrells, and Wine-veſſells ſhall bee converted into Pulpits, out of which the Browneſſes ſhall tell her long Tales of a Tub, which are not halfe ſo good and true as her own old ſtories of King *Arthur*, yet they ſhal be a great hinderance to the unity of the Church, and the confuſion of the true faith, if they be not confuted by the learned Dr. Sir *Tiburne*. *Iupiter* being in aſpect with *Luna*. diſcovers that divers men ſhall drink more then they bleed, eſpecially if they have never beene at *Kenton*, and many other battels, where her loſt much bloud, and could get nothing but dry blowes; and her doe prognoſticate that Oſtlers ſhall rub horſes teeth that they may eate little when they ſtand at livery, and ſhall thruſt wires into the horſes heeles to make them halt and goe lame, on purpoſe to make worke for the Farrier, and to keep them long in the ſtable for their Maſters profit. Barbers if they have no worke to trim her beard and cut her haire, ſhall grow very poore, Tailors ſhall ſteale nothing but what is brought unto them. Poulterers ſhall be peſter'd with rotten Egges, and Butchers Dogs ſhall make her Libels againſt Lent, becauſe it affords them nothing but herring cobs for their dyet: This Quarter ſhall divers ſimple married women and widdowes bee perſwaded and buzzed in the head, that their wedding ring is plain

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popery and ſuperſtitious; and thereupon ſhall give them away to ſome long-winded tub-preacher; and that divers ſhall bee of opinion to marry without licence, to ſave charges, only take one anothers word for the begetting of Babes of grace.

The diſeaſes of this Quarter are theſe; the plague, or rather the conſumption ſhall bee in a mans purſe, young maids when they walke abroad in the Fields ſhall be troubled with the falling evill, while love like a Canker ſhall eate ſuch a great hole in their belly, ſo that nothing can cure them but marriage; old women ſhall cough, and ſometime ſneeze backward both together; with other infirmities which her will not mention.

Her declaration of the diſpoſition and inclination of the Summer Quarter.

SUmmer, as *Ptolomy* ſaith, beginneth the 12 of June; this Quarter being hot and dry, cold drinks ſhall be in great eſtimation. Tapſters this Quarter ſhall bee in greater credit then Coblers, and many ſhall drinke more then they can earne; and *Mercury* being a ſigne that is now predominant, women ſhall bee troubled with more Fleas then men, and ſuch as want meat ſhall go ſupperleſſe to bed; moreover, Butchers are like to make great havock amongſt flies, and Beggers with halfe a paire of crutches ſhall lie behind hedges on ſun-ſhine dayes, and there commit great murthers upon their rebellious vermine.

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And beſides this, Millers, Weavers, and Tailors ſhall bee as theeviſh as they are knaviſh. Maides ſhall now make ſully-bubs for their lovers, and ſhal loſe their maiden heads in the fields before they come to Matrimony. *Libra* being aduſt and retrograde, doth foretell that there is like to be a league between divers Bakers and the Pillory (which the Bakers have almoſt forgot) for making their bread too light; and moreover, the Sun ſhall be ſo extream hot, that it ſhall melt away the conſciences of divers covetous perſons, and ſome that came lately out of the Low-Countries ſhall preſently loſe all their haire. The Tailor and the louſe are like to fall at variance; but the botchers ſhall ſet downe this order, that hee that lies in bed while his cloathes are mending, need not have a man to keep his wardrobe. This Quarter divers Captaines and ſouldiers ſhall get ſuch polts and blowes with French Colt ſtaves, that they ſhall bee glad to get into ſome Hoſpitall for Cure: Wives ſhall now ſtraggle abroad for their pleaſure, and when they come home they ſhall ſay they have beene at a Chriſtning. Maids ſhall now dream much if they lye on their backs, and they ſhall ſtand a long while in their ſmocks by Candle-light to look Fleas above and below; there are like to bee divers diſeaſes this Quarter, as Puriſies of Puritanicall hypocriſie, ſo that men ſhall have ſome more knavery then they have honeſty; ſome through extreame heat ſhall bee troubled with the head-ach, and ſome with the horn-ach; there ſhall be divers fluxes, and poore mens purſes ſhall be ſo laxative, that money ſhall run out faſter then they can get it. Laſtly, let all ſouldiers beware of whores that are foule in the touch-hole, leſt they recoile upon them, and give a palt with a pox. Moreover, there ſhall bee giddy heads, many hot drunken Feavers, and ſome maids ſhall have a riſing or timpany in their bellies, and generally there ſhall bee a great

great heat in the tongue and taile, ſo that women muſt love cold things, and cattell ſhall ſeek out ſhady places.

A declaration of the diſpoſition of the Autumnall or Harveſt Quarter.

IN this laſt Quarter of the year, which beginneth when the Sun entreth into *Libra*, there ſhall bee more holes open then in all the year beſide. Some ſhall now have a great gift in taking up of ſmocks, and women ſhall have holes in their hearts, that as faſt as love creeps in at one end it ſhall run out at another. This harveſt Quarter is like to be a hot time, for *Leo* now rules, which is a fierce beaſt, and if it be ſo, it cannot chuſe but bee a furious ſigne, for her do confeſſe her never ſaw a Lyon in all her life: unleſſe it was at *Newbury*, *Naisby*, and other places, which her ſhall never forget; O the Tevill take them; with a white face, and almoſt a round-head, with her hands and feet tyed together, and carried before a man on horſe back to the next Market. There is like to bee ſuch plundering and pillaging of mens houſes this Quarter, that her that was not worth ten groats, ſhall now be worth ten pounds; and her that was worth one hundred pound, ſhall ſcarce bee worth one hundred pence.

Moreover, ſome young men ſhall have teeth longer then their beards. Some ſhall make the Ale-houſe their ſhady Bower, where they ſhall ſit all day, and at night their faces ſhall bee ſo Sunne-burnt, that their Noſes may ſerve for a Candle to light them to Bed, and

and others for want of money ſhall pawne their Cloaks, and ſhall march in their Doublet and Hoſe, as her doe at Plymouth and in Wales, with a ſtaffe in their hands.

Maids ſhall now goe to milking very early, and if ſtiles had eyes, they might ſee all as they ſtep over them, and in Harveſt time Maiden-heads ſhall bee loſt like a Needle in a bottle of Hay; many men ſhall reap now what another hath ſowed, and ſhall have Children of another mans begetting. Thoſe that angle with a ſilver hook ſhall bee ſure to catch moſt fiſh, ſome ſhall hunt the Fox, and ſome the Coney in every City and Burrough; the weather ſhall bee ſo hot that rich men ſhall walke very ſoftly in the ſtreets, and yet they ſhall reach hell before they dye, though they goe but an Aldermans pace.

The ſickneſſe of this Quarter are hollowneſſe of heart, that a knave ſhall not be knowne from an honeſt man; Conſumptions of the Liver, ſo that wealthy men ſhall by their kinde hearts ſpend all and dye Bankrupts. Diſeaſes in the throat which muſt be helpt by *Gregory* the Hangman. Browes ſwell'd with the Horne-ache, and ſome troubled with the Stone ſhall ſeek to cunning old women to cure them. Laſtly, good fellowes, for want of money ſhall oftentimes bee compelled to leave Company.

Now her will write of the Eclipſes, and declare her Art in many ſtrange Predictions and Conjectures.

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Of the Eclipſe of the Sun.

THe Eclipſe of the Sun according to *Ptolomy* and *Albumazar*, it ſhall produce many infirmities, ſo that Drunkards ſhall bee combuſt with many fiery inflammations, and a dearth of Barley is like to enſue if death take not away ſuch Malt-wormes. Divers are like to be troubled with ſuch hot rheumes in their heads, that their haire ſhall fall off; beſides this, the influence of *Mars* ſhall be ſo violent, that divers ſouldiers ſhall fall out for want of their pay; and here in our Meridionall Clime great quarrells ſhall be raiſed between man and man, eſpecially in caſes of Conſcience. Further, there is like to bee great falling out amongſt Church-men, and certaine fond Sects of religion are like to trouble the Commons; ſelfe-conceiters, and over-holy counterfeits that delight in ſingularity, ſhall riſe up and deſpiſe authority, preſuming even to abaſe the higheſt powers, if a *Saturne* with a frowning influence did not threaten them with Tiburnes conſequence. This Eclipſe doth alſo fore-ſhew that many ſhall goe ſoberer into Tavernes then they ſhall come out, and carry more money thither then they ſhall bring away, and that he that drinks hard & lyes a cold ſhall never dye in a ſweat: Yet ſome ſhal have ſo ſore a ſweat, that they may ſell their haire by the pound to ſtuffe Tennis Balls. It is to be doubted alſo, that divers Children ſhall bee borne, that when they come to age ſhall not know their owne Fathers; ſome ſhall be borne with feet like unto Hares, that they ſhall runne ſo ſwift that they ſhall never tarry with any Maſter, but wander about till they take up Beggers Buſh for their lodging. Others ſhall have Noſes like Swine, that

that there ſhall not bee a feaſt within a mile but they ſhall ſmell it our. Moreover, divers women this yeare ſhall be borne with two tongues, to the terrible griefe of ſuch as ſhall marry them; utering ſuch rough-caſt words, that knave and ſlave ſhall be but Holliday words to their husbands. This Eclipſe doth alſo ſignifie that Hens, Capons, Geeſe, and other Poultrey ſhall ſeldome haunt poore mens Tables, but flye away with Spits in their bellies to rich mens houſes. To conclude, let ſuch as have cloathes enow, keep themſelves warme from taking of cold, let all men ſtrive to feed daintily, and take eaſe enough, and then this Eclipſe doth portend no harme unto them, for they ſhall live as long as they can, and ſit up till all the world is weary of them before they lye downe in their graves.

Of the ſecond Eclipſe of the Moone.

THe Moone which her calls the Queen of Heaven, is likely to change and alter very often this yeare: I would her could make ſuch a change with a common Lawyer, (not the Civillian, or now civill villaine) who hath worne a Gown a great while in Weſtminſter-Hall, for her freeze-jerkin; that would be a good change indeed, and good for all her Countrey bodies, marke you that now.

If the weather this yeare prove good, and the harveſt great, and the barnes full of corne, and the wars ceaſe, wheat and rye is likely to be cheap, and bread ſhall bee of a reaſonable ſize, in divers places there ſhal be plenty

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of Malignants & Papiſts & Separatiſts, if God and the King root them not out with a ſharpe overthrow: ſome curious Aſtronomers, and ſo her ſelfe alſo affirme, that *Browne* the founder of the Brown-aſſes ſhall riſe againe in the Apparell of a Miniſter, and tickle ſome of the baſer ſort with ſuch fond humours in their Braines, that divers ſelfe conceited, grounding their opinion on an Hereticall foundation, ſhall ſeeke to deny Authority, and pervert all good Orders eſtabliſh'd in the Church, to the great prejudice of Unity and Religion, entituling themſelves Browniſts: moreover, it is like to bee concluded, by an Act ſet downe in Graveſend Barge, that he that wipes his noſe and hath it not, ſhall forfeit his whole Face.

The ſquinacy ſhall reigne very much before and after this Eclipſe, and many for want of Breath ſhall dye at Tiburne of the ſtrangling. Laſtly, Fiſh-wives ſhall weare out more ſhooes in Lent then in any two moneths beſide through out the whole yeare. This Eclipſe of the Moon according to her Art and skill in Aſtronomy, ſhall be viſible in our Horiſon the 17 day of September, neare ſeven a Clock at night, and then all theſe Predictions and Prognoſtications concerning the Moones Eclipſe, ſhall all come to paſſe, for her ſcorne to foretell lyes as your common Almanackers doe: and ſo takes her leave this yeare of her good, kinde, and loving cozen the Reader and buyer of her new Almanacks and Prognoſtications for this preſent yeare, 1648.

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